

# Supporting Information

for

## Oligoorganogermanes: interplay between aryl and trimethylsilyl substituents

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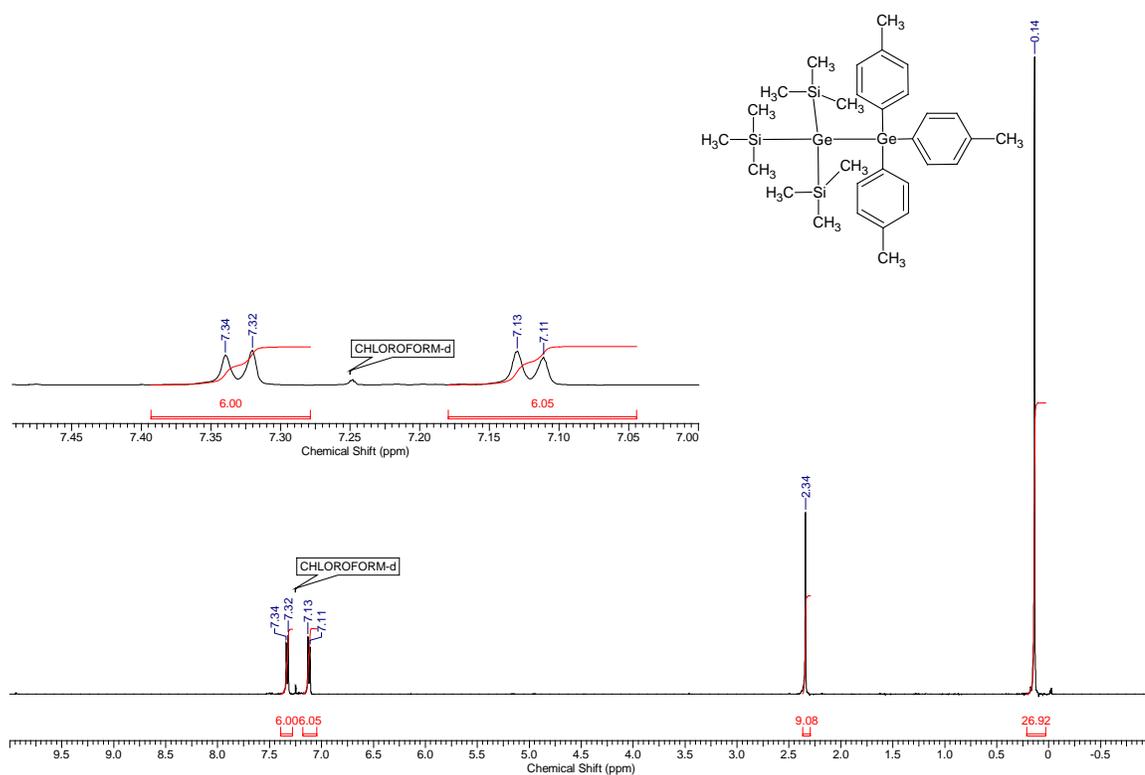
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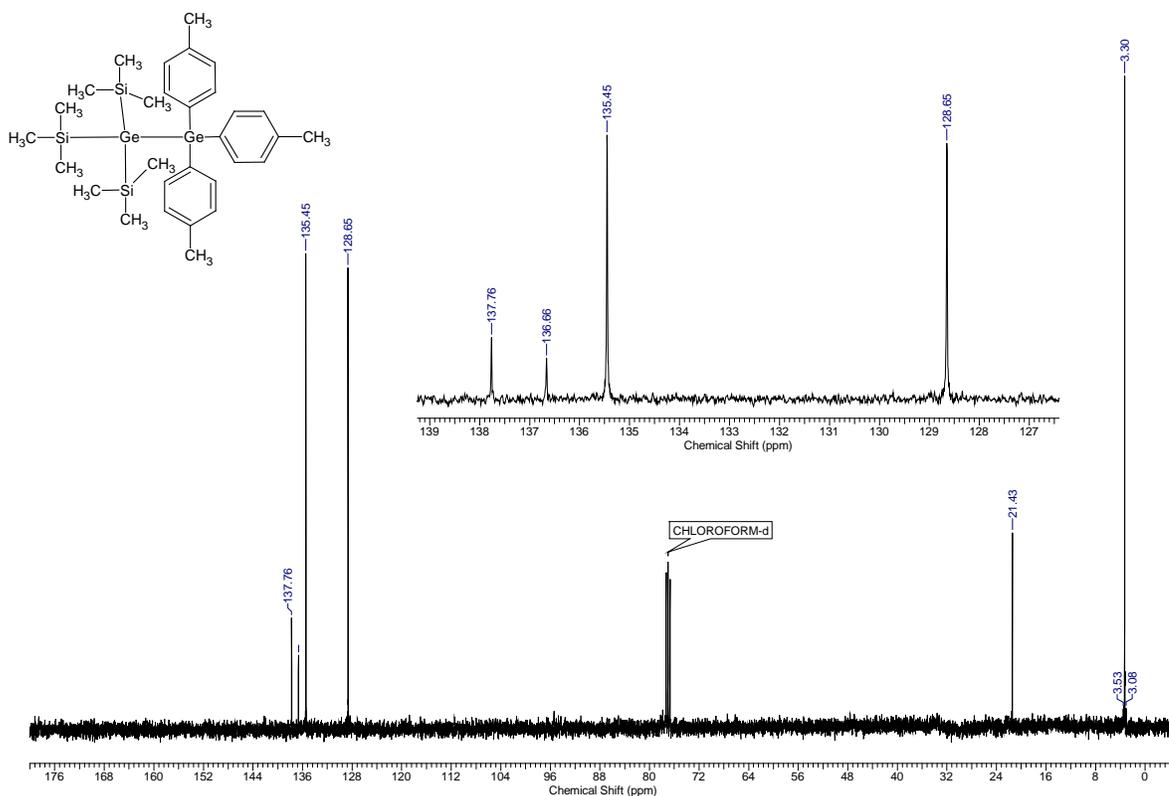
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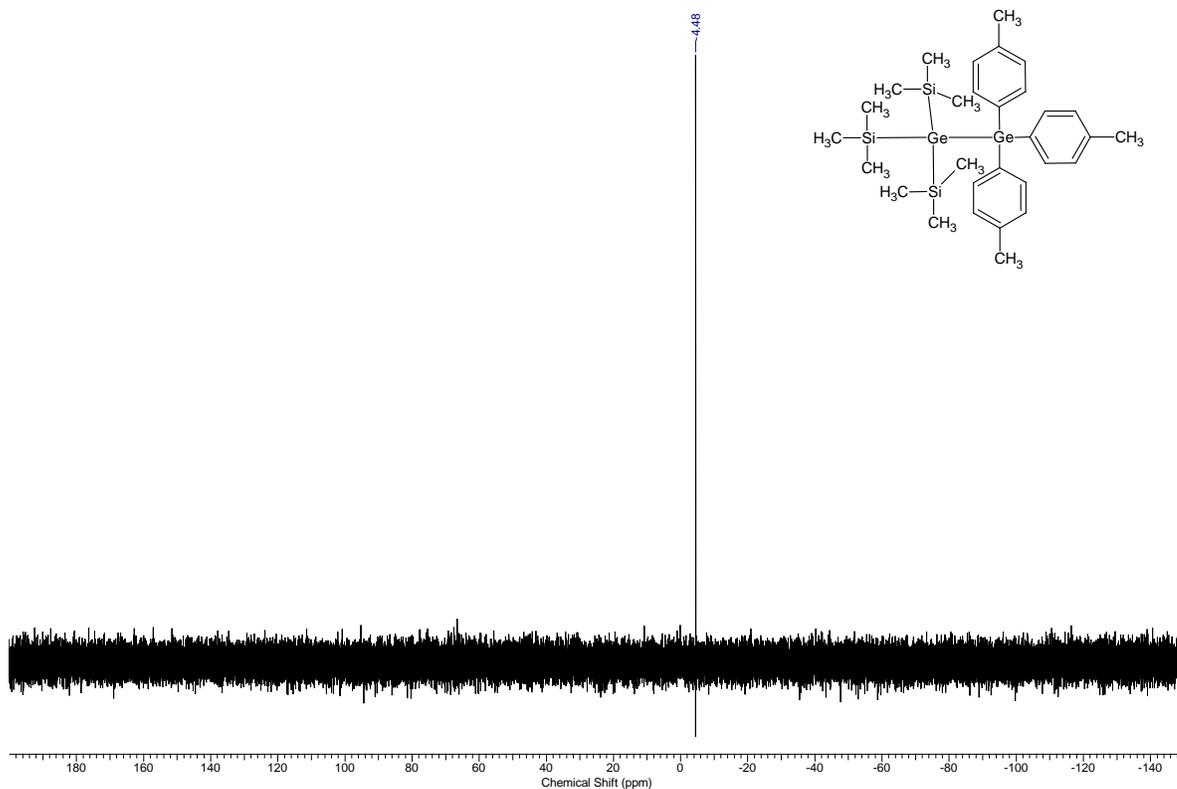
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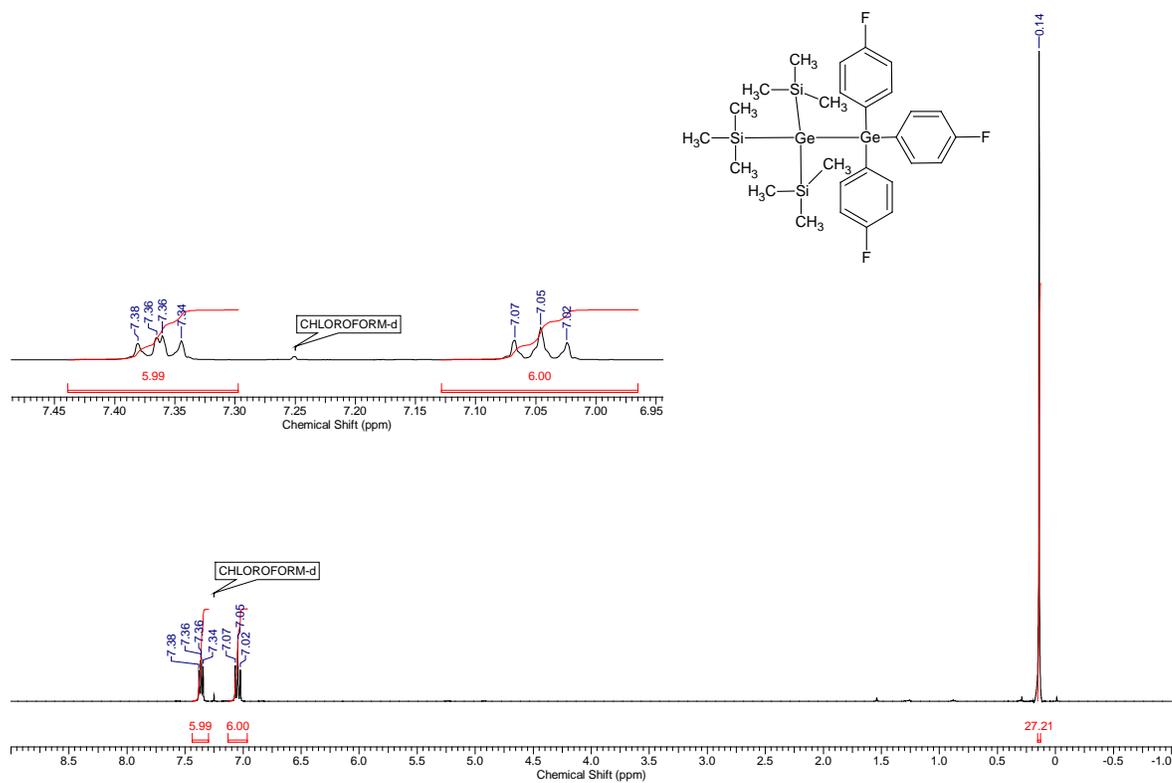
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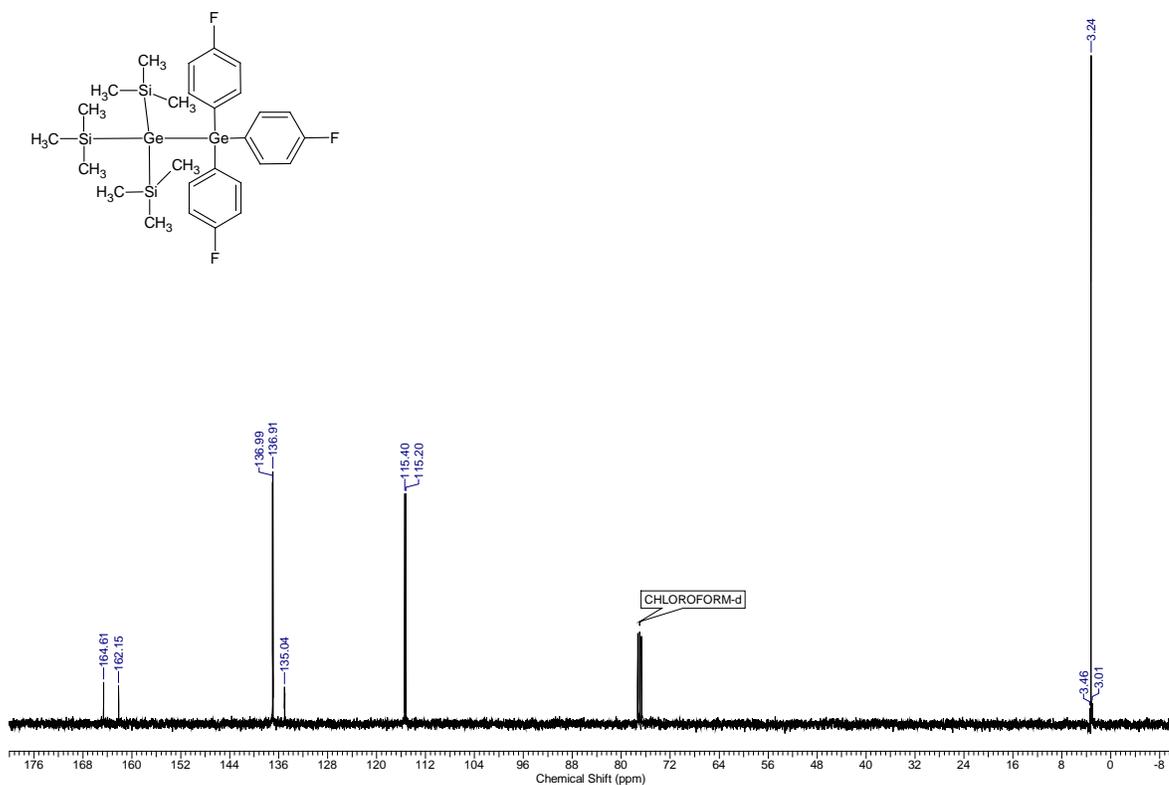
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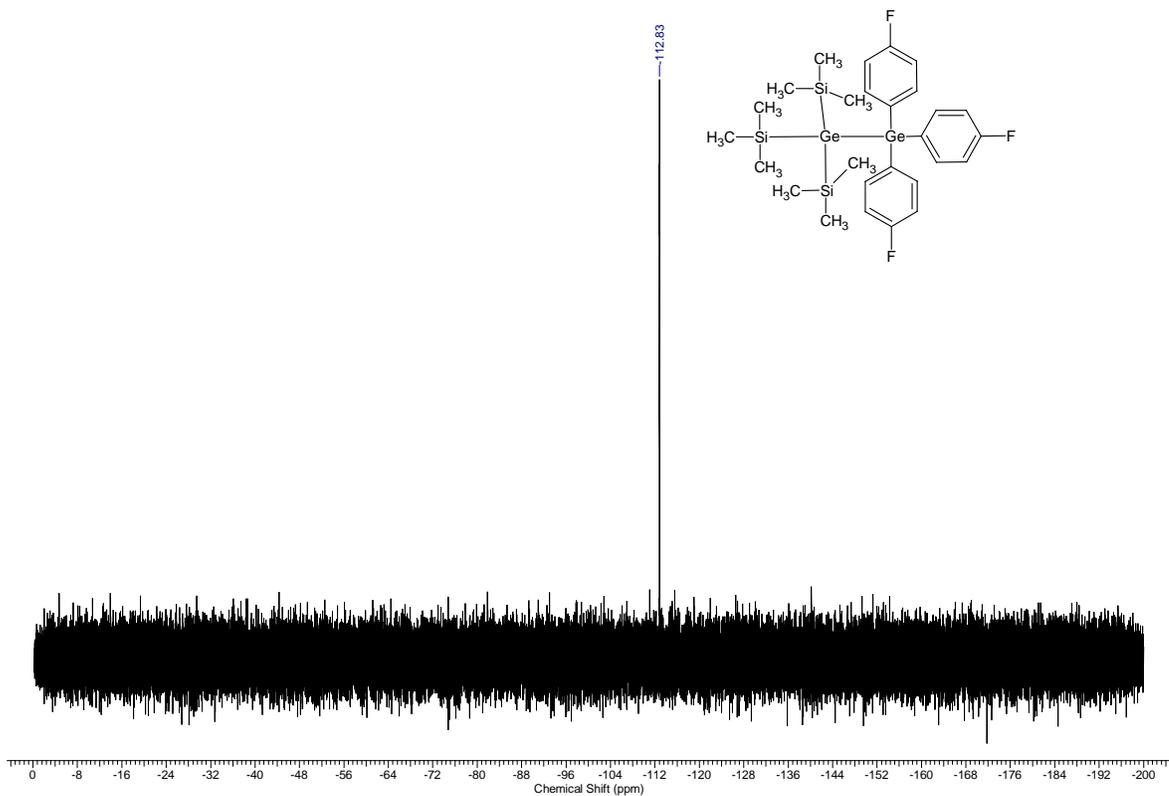
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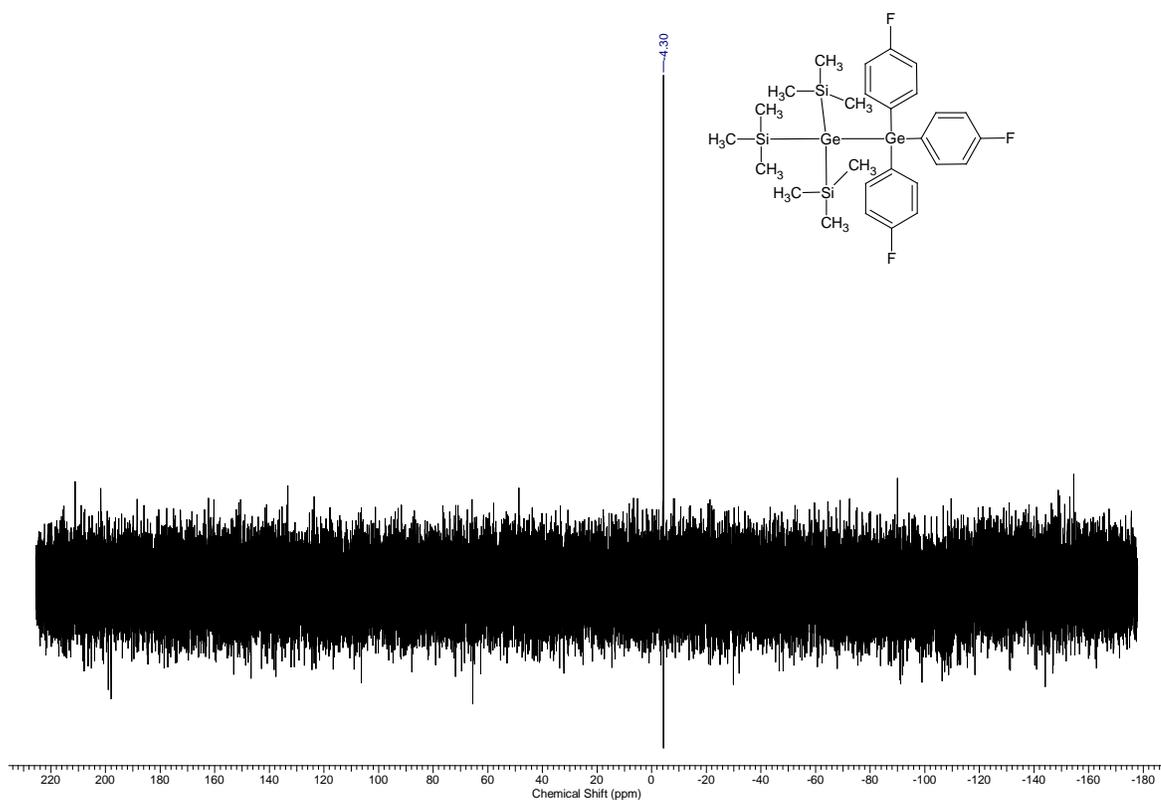
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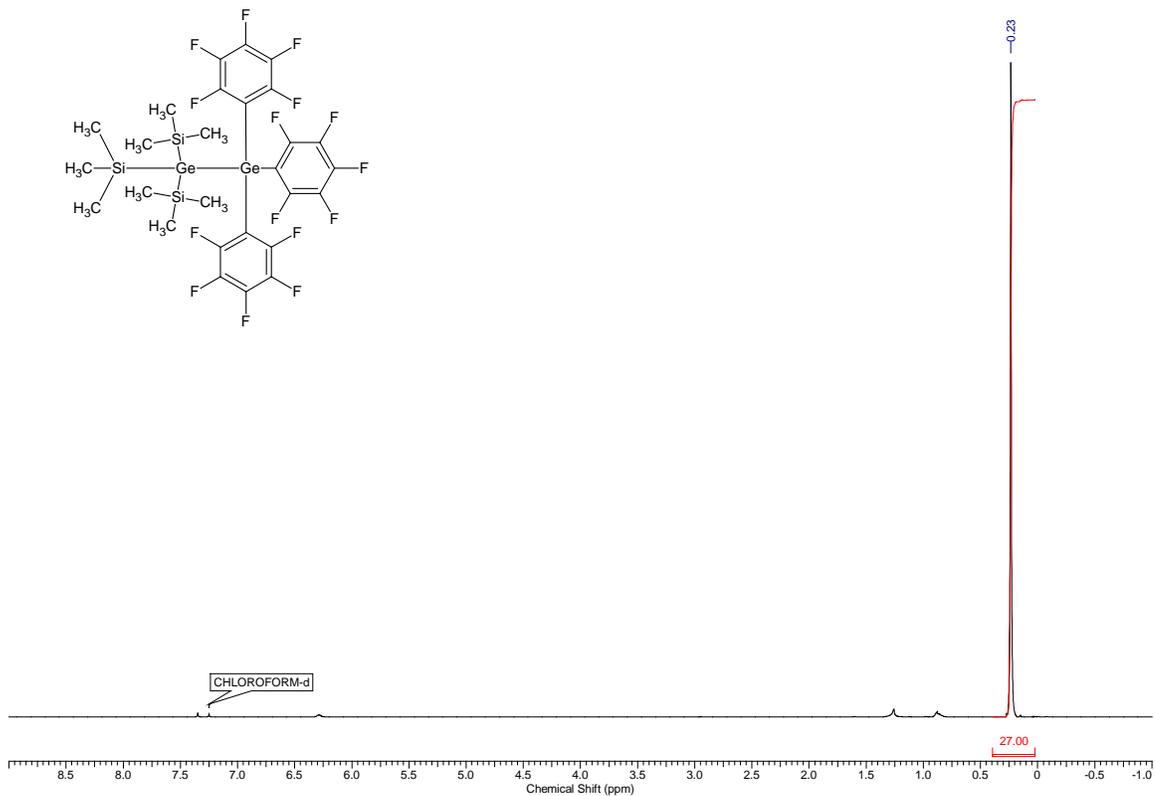
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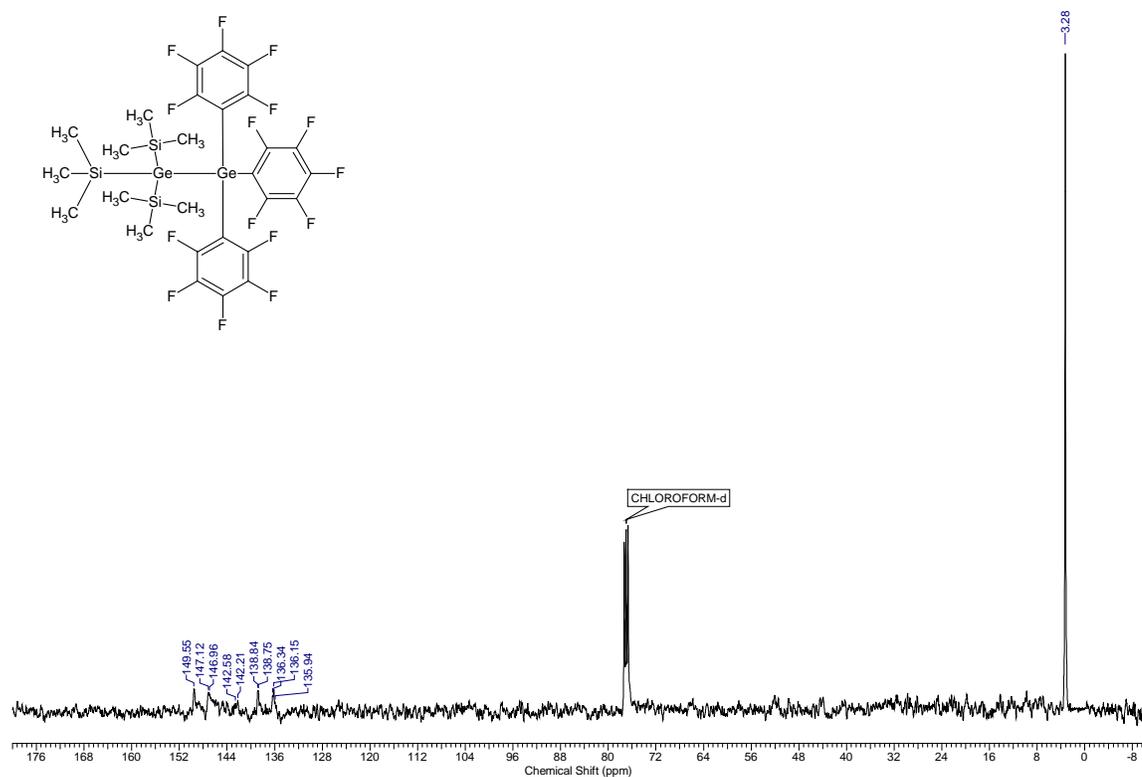
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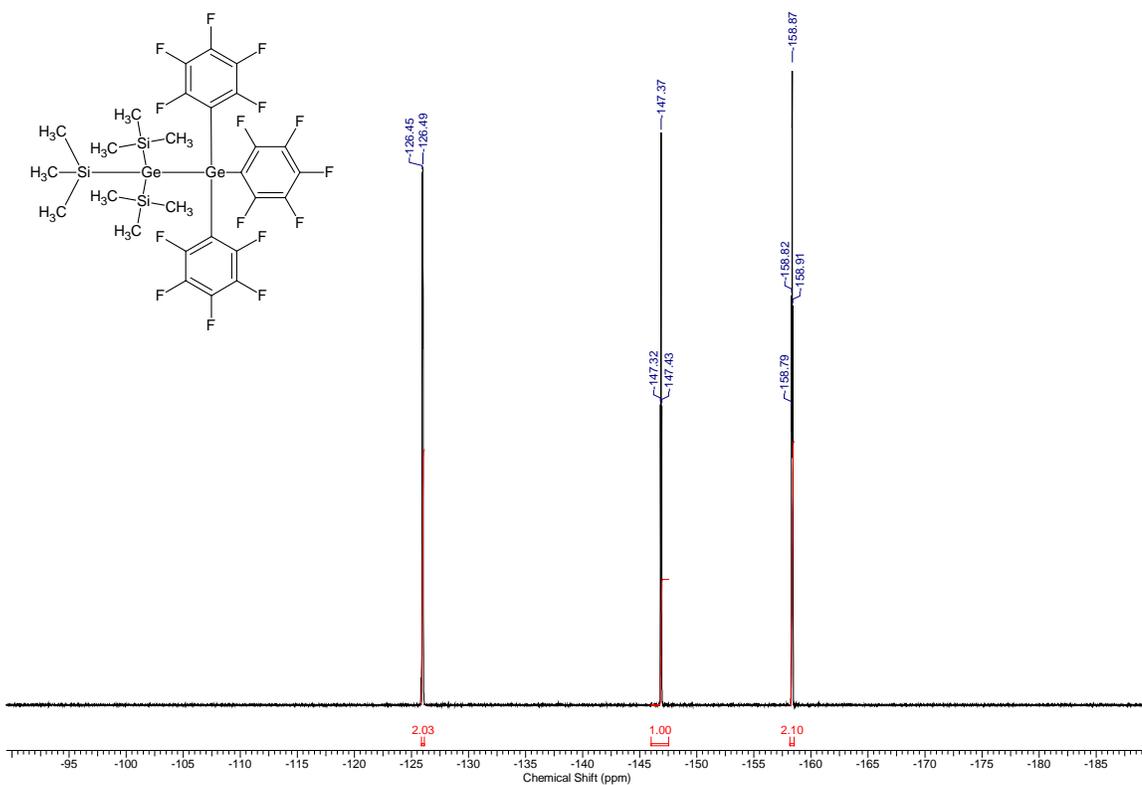
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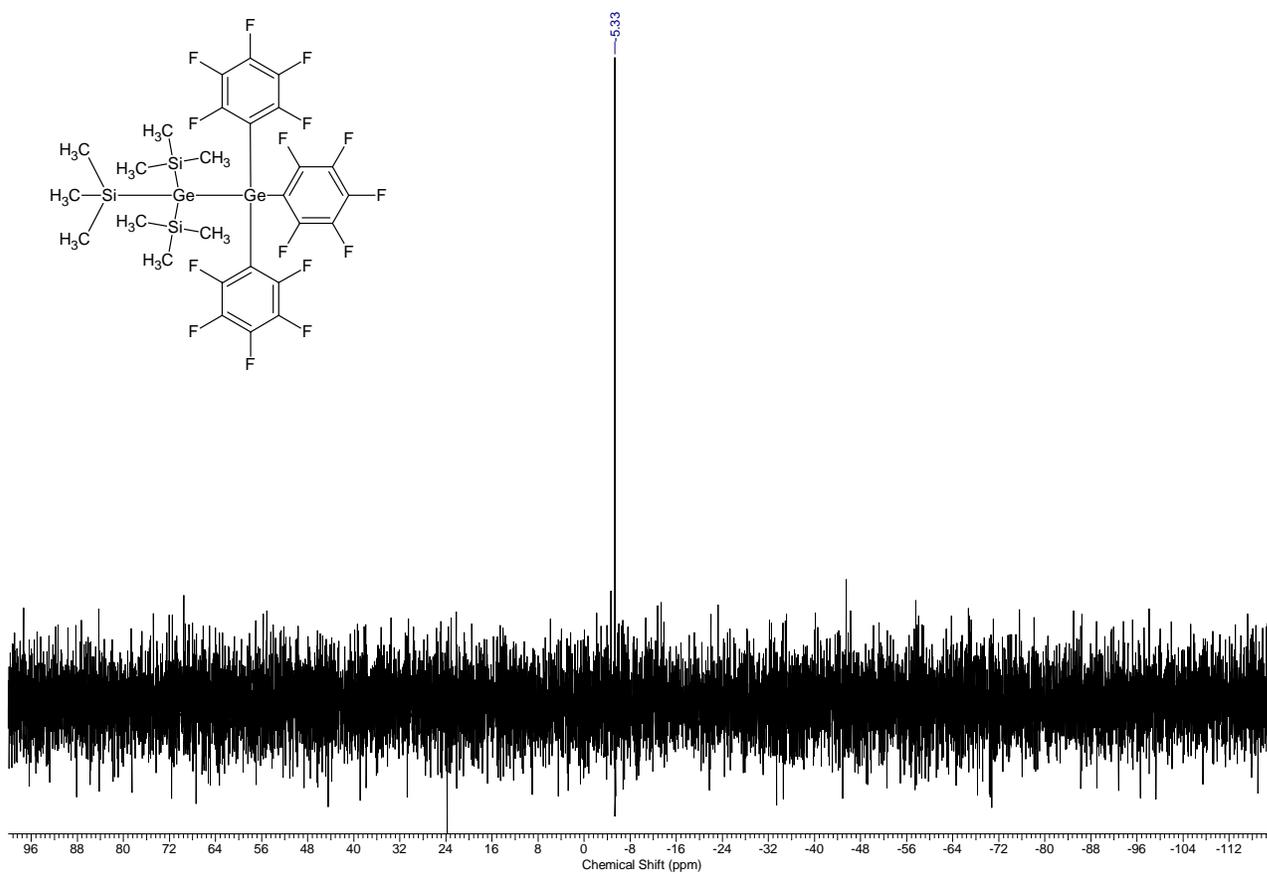
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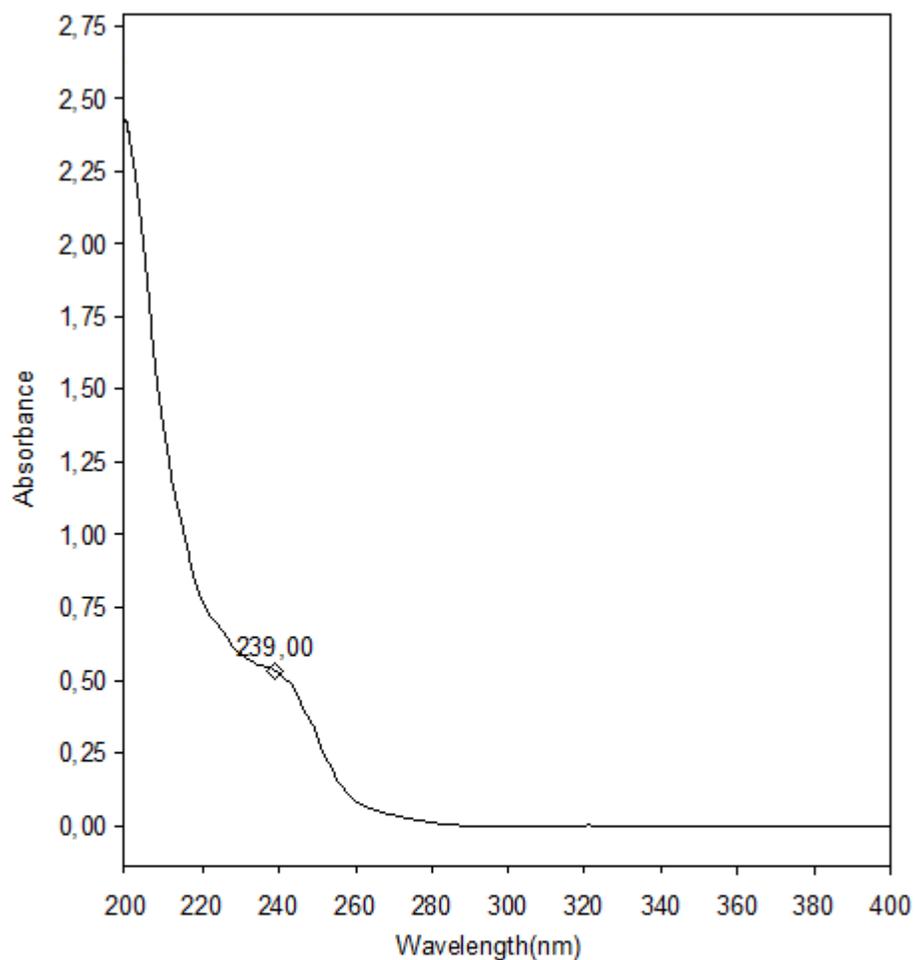


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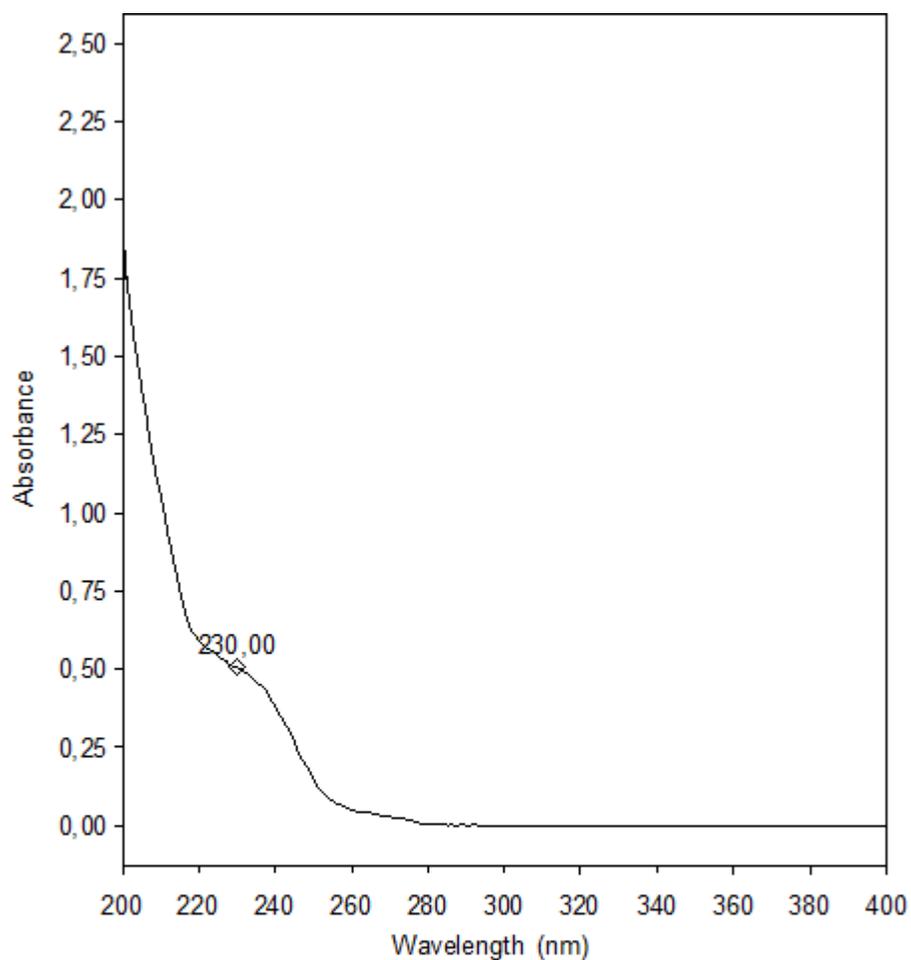
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2	Cycle01	nm	239,00			
3	Manual	A	0,534			
4						
5						

**Fig. S12.** UV/vis Absorption Spectrum of  $(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_3\text{Ge-Ge}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-}p)_3$  (**1**) (*n*-hexane, RT).



Batch : mar 5 C6H14 01 cm.sre

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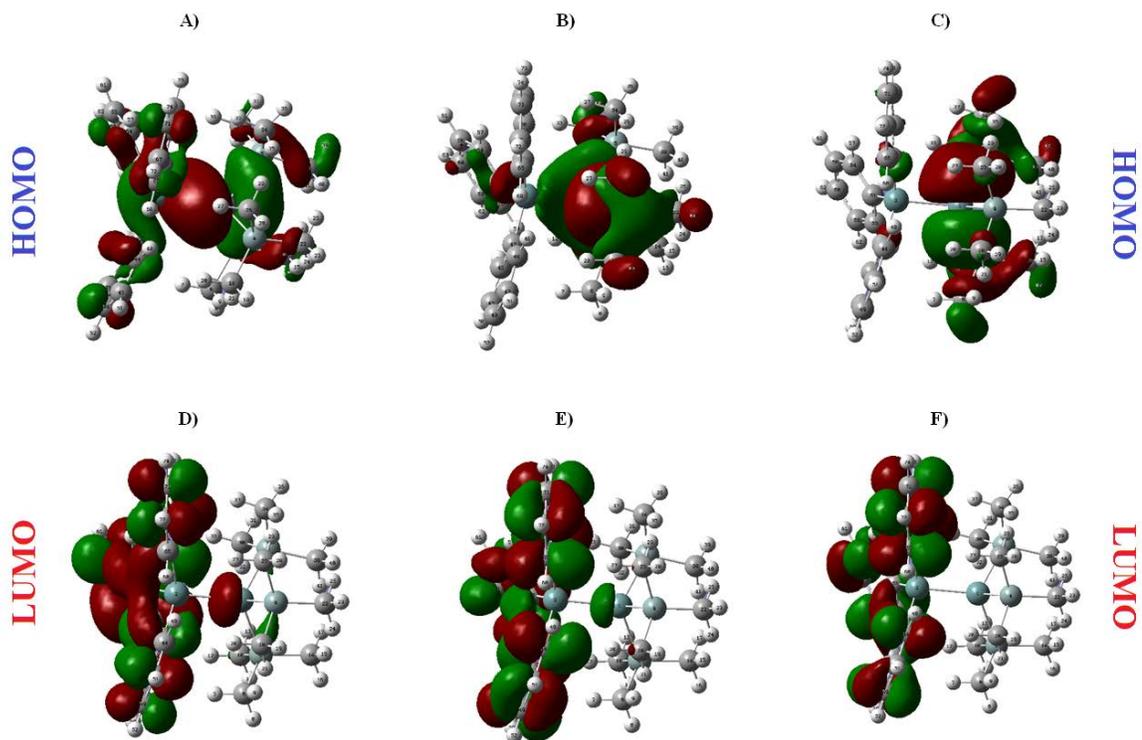
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**Data of the Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction Analysis**

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	(Me <sub>3</sub> Si) <sub>3</sub> Ge-Ge(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Me- <i>p</i> ) <sub>3</sub> ( <b>1</b> )	(Me <sub>3</sub> Si) <sub>3</sub> Ge-Ge( <i>p</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F) <sub>3</sub> ( <b>2</b> )
formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> Ge <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>39</sub> F <sub>3</sub> Ge <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>
<i>M<sub>w</sub></i>	638.13	650.03
temperature (K)	150(2)	120(2)
size (mm)	0.25 x 0.20 x 0.06	0.24 x 0.20 x 0.18
crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.3142(5)	12.6869(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.5268(6)	16.0638(11)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.3782(7)	16.0959(11)
<i>α</i> (deg)	92.799(1)	86.839(1)
<i>β</i> (deg)	99.352(1)	86.299(1)
<i>γ</i> (deg)	110.923(1)	81.912(1)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1700.61(14)	3237.4(4)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
<i>P</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (g*cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.246	1.334
abs. coeff. μ (MoKα) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.889	1.999
<i>F</i> (000)	668	1336
<i>θ</i> range (deg)	2.22 – 28.00	1.76 – 29.00
no. of collected/unique rflns.	17699 / 8197	36739 / 17152
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0147	0.0202
data/restraints/parameters	8197 / 0 / 329	17152 / 0 / 649
goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.030	1.052
final <i>R</i> indices ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0219, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0583	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0273, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0630
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0264, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0603	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0415, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0671
largest diff. peak/hole (e/Å <sup>3</sup> )	-0.203 / 0.440	-0.285 / 0.377

Data of DFT calculations



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